

APPLES—BEST VARIETIES FOR LOCAL AND FOREIGN MARKETS—PACKING FRUIT.

HASKETT & BROWN, MONTREAL.

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Our trade is nearly altogether of a jobbing character, selling largely to dealers on the market and to exporters, and our sales varying from fifteen to twenty thousand barrels a year.

We presume you are gathering information for the benefit of growers in and near the vicinity of Montreal. Our experience would lead us to suggest, in fall apples especially, that they should be confined exclusively to high colored fancy stock, such as is always in demand, no matter in what state our market may be; for it is a fact that our market is at any time liable to be flooded with Western fruit which has to be sold, and if the home growth is no better than theirs we suffer greatly in consequence. Another reason is that this class of fruit, being so rich and tender, suffers greatly in transportation, and even if the same kinds are shipped here from the West, they cannot compete with fresh pulled apples grown near at hand.

The following are leading kinds and can be grown to any extent, as there are never too many of them: Alexanders, Duchess, King of Tompkins, Strawberry (of Montreal), Peach, Red Astrachan, St. Lawrence and Fameuse. But care must be taken that no "wild-cat" stock is introduced, and let every apple be true to its name. These kinds of apples are seldom exported, except, perhaps, the Fameuse, and even these are so risky that our export trade rarely touch them.

Apples for export are easily summed up. They are winter apples, and the fewer kinds in a shipment the better, always giving the preference to colored fruit, except it be Newtown.